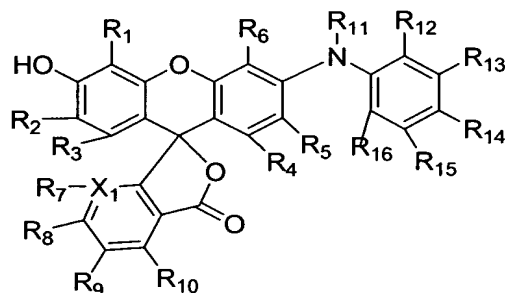


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (currently amended). A compound represented by the formula



(I)

wherein:

R₁, ~~R₂~~, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₇ is absent or selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted oxygen and substituted nitrogen;

R₁₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

or R₁₁ and R₁₂ taken together represent the carbon atoms necessary to form a 5 or 6 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl group; and X₁ is carbon or nitrogen.

2 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₂ is an electron-withdrawing group, R₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, and aryl, R₁, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are each hydrogen and X₁ is carbon.

3 (currently amended). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₂ is ~~hydrogen or~~ alkyl, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each halogen, R₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and substituted aryl, R₁, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are each hydrogen and X₁ is carbon.

4 (currently amended). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₂ is ~~hydrogen or~~ alkyl, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are each hydrogen or halogen, R₁, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are each hydrogen, X₁ is carbon, and R₁₁ and R₁₂, taken together, form a saturated ring.